

GERMAN TOWNSHIP FIRE - RESCUE

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INCIDENT SAFETY OFFICER

The Incident Commander shall appoint a sufficient number of Incident Safety Officers (ISO) to manage an emergency fire/rescue incident. The GTFD Safety Officer, GTFD Line Officers, mutual aid Officers, mutual aid Safety Officers, or an experienced and knowledgeable fire fighter may be appointed to fill this role, depending on the size, scale, and complexity of the incident. (NFPA 1521)

- The ISO shall have or be provided with a portable radio capable of transmitting on the assigned fire ground frequency.
- The ISO shall have the knowledge, skill and abilities to manage incident scene safety.
- The ISO shall have knowledge of safety and health hazards involved in emergency operations.
- The ISO shall have knowledge of building construction.
- The ISO shall have knowledge of the personnel accountability system.
- The ISO shall have knowledge of incident scene rehabilitation.
- At an emergency incident where activities are judged by the ISO to be unsafe or to involve an imminent hazard, the ISO shall have the authority to alter, suspend, or terminate those activities. The ISO shall immediately inform the Incident Commander of any actions taken to correct imminent hazards, or of terminated activities.
- At an emergency incident where an ISO identifies unsafe conditions, operations or hazards that do not present an imminent danger, the ISO shall take appropriate action through the incident Commander to mitigate or eliminate the unsafe condition, operation or hazard. (NFPA 1521)
- At an emergency incident, Assistant ISOs may be designated by the Incident Commander, and shall be granted the authority as authorized in 3-5.8 and 3-5.9 above. (NFPA 1521)
- The ISO shall be integrated within the incident management system as a command staff member.

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- The ISO shall ensure that a rehabilitation sector is established when needed.
- The ISO shall monitor the scene and report the status of conditions, hazards and risks to the Incident Commander.
- The ISO shall ensure that the accountability system is being utilized.
- The Incident Commander shall communicate the incident action plan to the ISO. The ISO shall provide the Incident Commander with a risk assessment of incident scene operations.
- The ISO shall ensure that established safety zones, collapse zones, hot zones, and any other designated hazard areas are communicated to all members present on the scene.
- The ISO shall evaluate motor vehicle accident scene traffic hazards and apparatus placement, and take appropriate actions to mitigate hazards.
- The ISO shall ensure that a Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) or Firefighter Assistance and Safety Team (FAST) is available and ready for deployment (Back-up Line).
- Where fire has advanced beyond contents and is now attacking the building's structure, the ISO shall advise the Incident Commander of hazards, collapse potential, and any fire extension to neighboring buildings.
- The ISO shall evaluate visible smoke and fire conditions and advise the incident Commander and sector officers of the potential for flashover, backdraft or other fire events that could pose a threat to operating teams.
- The ISO shall monitor the accessibility of entry and egress of structures and the effect it has on the safety of members conducting interior operations.
- The ISO shall ensure compliance with the Infection Control Plan.
- At Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) & Technical Rescue incidents, the ISO shall work with the HAZMAT/Technical Rescue Team ISO. The Incident Commander should use the HAZMAT/Technical Rescue Team's ISO for operational safety.

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- Upon notification of a member injury, illness or exposure, the ISO shall immediately communicate this to the Incident Commander.
- The ISO shall initiate the accident investigation process.
- The ISO shall participate in any post incident analysis or debriefing.

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